

Amendments to the Specification

On page 3 of the specification, please amend the fifth paragraph as follows:

The method first involves producing phospholipase D (PLD) enzyme from phospholipase-producing microorganisms. The PLD is produced in an optimized growth media that preferably includes *Streptomyces cinnamoneum*, and most preferably includes ATCC [ [\_\_\_\_\_] ] 11874. The enzyme is then harvested, filtered, and concentrated, and preferably stabilized through the use of a chelating agent.

On page 4 of the specification, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

The present inventor has also discovered a novel strain of *Streptomyces cinnamoneum* that is especially advantageous for use in this invention. This strain provides the unique advantages of allowing higher extracellular production of phospholipase D and a considerably higher ratio of transphosphatidylation to hydrolytic activity of the PLD enzyme, relative to the IFO 12852 *Streptomyces cinnamoneum* strain. The strain also provides advantageous cultural characteristics that are useful in industrial-scale fermentation. Specifically, the new strain has a large fermentative colony morphology that enables simpler removal from the spent culture media following fermentation. This strain also provides better utilization of the fermentation media, with fewer undesirable by-products. It has been deposited in the American Type Culture Collection, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852 USA as ATCC # [ [\_\_\_\_\_] ] PTA-6205, and is specifically incorporated herein by reference. Said *Streptomyces cinnamoneum* 11874 was deposited on September 13, 2004.